

Wycombe Wanderers 2. Carnegie College 3

OWING to injuries and international calls, the side Wycombe fielded against Carnegie College on Wednesday night looked more like an invitation XI, with only one regular member of the side playing — Tony Horseman.

Four players were guesting — Chris Costin, O. Olivera, Bill Roberts and Mick Ashwin. Of the four, Costin stood out as the most impressive for his hard tackling but none of them looked up to Isthmian League standard.

For those spectators who had turned up expecting to see the full Wanderers team, it was a disappointing evening. But the club had little option with three players in line for a place in the England team against Wales on Saturday, four players injured and one away on business. Wycombe could have cancelled the match but with fixture congestion inevitable and the fact that Carnegie had to travel down from Leeds, they decided to play the game.

The football in the first half was understandably poor from Wycombe's angle, although Carnegie soon showed their skill with winger Hilton and number six Howard Kennedy outstanding. Kennedy, in fact, has played for Leeds United Reserves in the past, and ten of the Loughborough side have been together for two years.

Watson opened the scoring for the College after 16 minutes crashing home a loose ball inside the area as Wanderers rightly appealed for off side. The referee waved aside their protests.

Hunter made it 2-0 after 39 minutes following a goal-mouth scramble but three minutes later, Tony Horseman, the only Wanderer

who looked likely to score, pulled a goal back when he beat two defenders and goalkeeper Saward before slotting the ball home.

A superbly struck shot from Keith Jameson in the 68th minute put Wanderers on level terms, Keith sending in an unstoppable drive from about 30 yards.

Horseman limped off in the 77th minute and was replaced by Wycombe's second string goalkeeper Kevin O'Brien who received the biggest cheer of the night when he received his first touch of the ball on the wing.

Substitute Trelane scored Carnegie's winner four minutes from time when he slipped through the Wanderers defence and although Costin cleared the ball, the referee ruled that it had crossed the line.

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WYCOMBE: M. Hughes, C. Costin, R. Williams, D. Bullock, I. Rundle, A. Gane, O. Olivera, W. Roberts, M. Ashwin, K. Jameson, A. Horseman (sub: K. O'Brien 77 mins).

CARNEGIE: T. Saward, P. Adams, D. Brown, D. Houlson, K. Anderson, H. Kennedy, J. Green, P. White, W. Hunter, P. Watson, J. Hilton (sub: J. Trelane).

Half-time: 1-2. **Goalscorers—** Wycombe: Horseman (43), Jameson (68). Carnegie: Watson (16), Hunter (39), Trelane (86).